



Information on alignment of funding

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THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

HORIZON 2020

Currently no open calls
for water (closes on 16 June)

LIFE Type of grants



- **Standard Action Projects (SAP)**

Projects, other than strategic integrated projects, strategic nature projects or technical assistance projects, that pursue the specific objectives of the LIFE programme.

- **Strategic Nature Projects (SNAP)**

Projects that support the achievement of Union nature and biodiversity objectives by implementing coherent programmes of action in Member States in order to mainstream those objectives and priorities into other policies and financing instruments, including through coordinated implementation of the prioritised action frameworks adopted pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC.

- **Strategic Integrated Projects (SIP)**

Projects that implement, on a regional, multi-regional, national or transnational scale, environmental or climate strategies or action plans developed by Member States' authorities and required by specific environmental, climate or relevant energy legislation or policy of the Union, while ensuring that stakeholders are involved and promoting coordination with and mobilisation of at least one other Union, national or private funding source.

- **Technical Assistance Projects (TA)**
- **Other Action Grants (OAG)**
- **Operating Grants (OG)**

The new LIFE programme will cover the following areas:

1. Nature and biodiversity
2. Circular economy and quality of life
3. Climate change mitigation and adaptation
4. Clean energy transition

LIFE will launch its first calls in June 2021:

LIFE EU Info Days 22 - 25 June 2021

Practical information

22 June

Opening and presentation of the LIFE programme

23 June

Dedicated sessions on the sub-programmes

NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY

CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE

CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

24 June

Dedicated session on the sub-programme

CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION

25 June

Dedicated session on NGO Operating Grants



Provisional timeline for project proposals

Launch of Call

Late spring 2021

Deadline for applications

Deadline for applications

Autumn 2021

Evaluation

Evaluation

2021/2022

Signature of grants

Signature of grants

Second half of 2022



DTP programming is still in progress

- Along new Cohesion Policy & Territorial Cooperation regulations of EC
- Same geographic area – matching EUSDR – (≈ Danube River Basin)
- Lower budget (ca. 20% less - no final allocation yet)
- In line with EUSDR objectives
- Thematic focus, priorities, specific objectives, type of activities mainly finalised



4 Priorities

- PO1 - A Smarter Europe (innovation and smart specialisation)
- PO2 - A greener, low-carbon Europe (renewable energy & biodiversity +)

SO2.2 - promoting climate change adaptation, and disaster management in relation to environmental risks;

SO2.3 - sustainable water & sediment management

- PO3 - A more social Europe (labour market integration, inclusive education, cultural heritage & tourism)
- PO4 - A better cooperation governance (demographic change, severe urban-rural discrepancies + EUSDR coordination)



SO2.2 Promoting CC adaptation capacities in DR and disaster management on transnational level in relation to environmental risks (taking into account ecosystem-based approaches)

- **Focus 1:** Harmonised capacities and data availability in DR scale CC forecasting and vulnerability assessment to support policy making and awareness raising
- **Focus 2:** Coordinated disaster prevention, preparedness and response activities on environmental risks, on floods, droughts, or accidental pollution of rivers on transnational river(-basin) scale and CC related other disasters (e.g. wildfires, heat waves)
- **Focus 3:** Strengthen preparedness and adaptive capacity of society (including disaster management organisations, volunteer rescue teams), economy and nature to cope with impacts of CC and establish climate services to foster the resilience



SO2.3 Sustainable, integrated, transnational water and sediment management in the Danube River Basin ensuring good quality and quantity of waters and sediment balance

- **Focus 1:** Capacities for prevention and mitigation of water pollution or for restoration of good quality of transnational water bodies
- **Focus 2:** Harmonising management practises between water management and other key sectors to improve quality and quantity of water and sediment in transnational river systems, taking into consideration the potential impacts of climate change
- **Focus 3:** Transnational coordination of water supply management, especially in relation to basin-wide importance of groundwater bodies



SO2.3 Sustainable water & sediment management – type of actions

- Harmonised data availability, monitoring, modelling systems for transnational water management
- Strengthening capacities to prevent and mitigate water pollution or restore good quality of water
- Improving sediment balance and related morphodynamics
- Potentials of floodplain reconnection to improve water quality
- Monitoring, modelling of transboundary groundwater systems
- Measures ensuring balanced use of water, regarding CC impacts
- Measures in connection to CC induced low water periods on transnational rivers of DRB (sediment, navigation, HPP)



Common features

- „Soft“ type of measures are supported (harmonised, joint strategies, plans, solutions developed and tested in pilot actions, capacity building)
- No major infrastructures financed
- Reasonable mix of activities with clear thematic focus
- Focus on main transboundary river(-basin)s of the DRB (water management, flood management, accidental pollution, etc.)
- Territorially integrated, cross-sectoral approaches
- Taking into consideration potential negative effects of CC



Finalisation of Programme documents

- Early autumn 2021

First call for proposals

- Possibly late autumn / end of 2021

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- The Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat remain in the city of Vienna.
- The program area is extended to the Braunschweig (DE) region.
- First call expected in autumn 2021



Non-technical summary of the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme 2021-27 (IP Version 5 – 21.04.2021)

- ***SO 2.4. Safeguarding the environment in central Europe***
- The economic and environmental significance of natural assets and landscapes in central Europe calls for a co-ordinated valorisation and protection of biodiversity and ecosystems. There is a strong need to counteract negative effects of human action through integrated environmental management approaches.
- **Potential fields to be addressed in transnational actions (non-exhaustive list):**
 - Biodiversity conservation and recovery including urban green spaces
 - Protection of natural heritage, ecosystems and valuable areas incl. Natura 2000 sites
 - **Reduction of environmental pollution** (air, **water**, soil, noise, light etc.) and their human health impacts
 - Integrated environmental management and sustainable use of natural resources
 - Sustainable land management and landscape planning
 - Ecosystem services (e.g. production of food and water, clean air, recreational benefits)
 - Restoration of degraded ecosystems
 - Sustainable tourism and the valorisation of natural heritage

- **2021-2027 PO: Interreg-specific objective ISO 1 “Better cooperation governance”**
- The Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat remain in Lille Hauts de France.
- Overall objective of the program: To support regional development policies, capacity building, exchange of experience and innovative approaches by implementing Priority 1: ISO
- Thematic concentration is achieved through the division of the budget:
- 12 pcs Specific Objective 80%
- Remaining specific targets 20%



The total budget planned for 2021-2027 is EUR 379.48 million

The first call is expected in the first half of 2022





Summary Planned launch of the Interreg DTP, CE, Interreg Europe 2021-2027 programs

Program	Expected first call	Nature of the call	Expected start of approved projects
Interreg Central Europe	Oct 2021	One round	July 2022
Interreg Danube	Nov 2021	Two rounds	January 2023
Interreg Europe	March 2022	One round	January 2023



Thank you for your attention!

Find the EUSDR including also the PA4 embedding documents at:

<https://danube-region.eu/projects-and-funding/embedding->

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